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SECOND ANNUAL MEETING OF THE

CALHOUN ASSOCIATION.

— HELD WITH —

New Liberty Church,

FROM SEPTEMBER 22ND TO 24TH, INCLUSIVE, 1877.

Eld. E. A. Crocker - - Moderator.
Bro. L. W. Harrelson, - - Clerk.

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NEW LIBERTY, CALHOUN COUNTY MISS.
Saturday, September 22nd, 1877.

The Calhoun Baptist Association convened with the Church of Christ at New Liberty, on Saturday before the fourth Sabbath in September, 1877.

The introductory sermon was preached at 11 O'clock by the appointee, Eld. Martin Parker. Text, Acts, 3rd chapter, 22 and 3rd verses: For Moses truly said unto the fathers: A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me, him shall ye hear in all things, whatsoever he shall say unto you. And it shall come to pass, that every soul which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people.

After a short intermission the Delegates and Messengers assembled in the house, the former Moderator and Clerk being present took their seats. After singing a hymn and prayer by the Moderator, the annual letters from the churches were presented and read by Eld. H. L. Johnson and Bro. Z. J. Ryan.

Names of Delegates appointed by the churches enrolled as follows:

Concord—Lee Linder. Dividing Ridge—T. J. Austin, A. C. Caldwell. Drivers Flat—James Martin, J. B. Martin and J. R. Patton. Friendsnip—A. Atkinson, G. W. Tedder, A. Strop. Hopewell—Joseph Griffin, B. F. Griffin and M. W. Griffin. London Hill—Martin Parker. Mt. Comfort—Thos. Ballenger, H. S. Hunter and J. W. Stillman. Mt. Tabor—Willis Parker. Mt. Moriah—L. Prescott J. D. Sheppard. Macedonia—J. A. Killingsworth, Asa Langston and J. A. Kea. New Liberty—W. C. Mitchell, J. M. Basley and Thos. Dye. Oak Grove—C. E. Murphy, M. V. Reason and W. A. Pilgreen. Poplar Springs—J. T. Hightower and J. W. Burgess. Pittsboro—J. S. Ryan, C. G. Bloant and L. W. Harrelson. Pine Flat—Tilmon McElroy. Pilgrims Rest—(Yalobusha Co.) J. L. Newman and G. T. Tabb. Pilgrims' Rest—(Calhoun Co.) J. M. West. Pleasant Ridge—John Sanders. Pleasant Grove—G. R. Brown H. A. Welch and J. V. Martin. Rocky Mount—E. A. Crocker and Mathew Stribley. Shiloh—George Parker. Spring Creek—H. L. Johnson and John Kelley. Turkey Creek—J. T. Trusty and W. G. Moorhead.

By motion Eld. N. Baker and J. R. Sumner were appointed tellers who after the ballot was taken announced Eld. E. A. Crocker elected Moderator and Bro. L. W. Harrelson re-elected clerk.

Called for conference, Eld. N. Baker, Bros. A. Woodward

and W A Martin from the Zion, Eld. J R Sumner from the Yalobusha, Eld. H. L. Finley and Bro. J. L. Furgerson from Chickasaw Associations presented themselves and were duly received as such.

Petitionary letters called for.

The following brethren were appointed a preaching committee J L Newman, M V Reagan, A Atkinson and the Deacons of Liberty Church.

Returned correspondence. To the Chickasaw Association Elders C. G. Blount, M Parker, L Prescott, W G Moorhead, James Martin and Bro. M V Reagan. To the Zion Association Elders E A Crocker, H L Johnson, J W Burgess and Bro. Ryan. To the State Convention, Elders H L Johnson, L Prescott.

The Committee on preaching submitted the following report: We your committee on preaching beg leave to report as follows: H. L. Johnson to preach to-night, Eld. H. L. Finley to-morrow at 1 P. M., Eld. W. G. Moorhead Sunday at 11 O'clock, Eld. J. R. Sumner Monday at 11 O'clock, Eld. J. L. Newman, Chairman.

By motion the Association conferred the power to the Delegates from the Northern District to locate the place of holding the Association. In pursuance of the above, said Delegates selected Pilgrim's Rest in Yalobusha county.

The following Order of Business was adopted:

1st, Call for correspondence. 2nd, Call for petitionary letters. 3rd, Returned correspondence. 4th, Home mission. 5th, Foreign mission. 6th, Ministerial Education. 7th, Sabbath school. 8th, Finance. 9th, Mississippi College. 10th, Temperance. 11th, Nominations. 12th, Publications.

The following committees were appointed.

On Home Mission, Elders M Parker, Joseph Griffin and A Atkinson.

On Foreign Missions, Elders C G Blount, L Prescott and J. B Martin.

On Ministerial Education, Bros. J S Ryan, H S Hunter, M V Reagan.

On Sabbath Schools, Eld. J A Killingsworth, Bros. Asa Lancaster and J A Kelley.

On Finance, Bros. George Parker, J L Newman and J W Sumner.

On Mississippi College, Elders H L Johnson, F Mize and Linder.

On Temperance, Elder W G Moorhead, Bros. J L Trusty and W. C. Mitchell.

On Publications, Elders H L Johnson, Joseph Griffin and J L Furgerson.

On Nominations, Eld. James Martin, Bros. J. T. Hightower and John Kelley.

By motion the Association adjourned until Monday morning half past eight O'clock. Prayer by Elder James Martin.

The Association met per se.

On motion the funds collected were equally divided between the Committee on Home

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MONDAY MORNING, 8:30 O'clock.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Moderator.

On motion the funds collected for Missions, amounting to \$8.25 equally divided between the Home and Foreign Missions.

The Committee on Home Missions made the following report which was adopted.

Your Committee on Home Missions beg leave to report the following, say first that it should be the object of this Association to place the Gospel in the reach of every one in our bounds; one feature of the teaching of the Savior is "that the poor have the Gospel preached unto them," from the alarming reports that come from the different churches of this Association, of the little that has been accomplished within our bounds, enough to wake up every member in the bounds to put on the armor of God and step forward at once to the discharge of our duty, yet we thank God for what he has done for us. We profess to be Missionaries, and show our faith by our works. And in connection with the report on Domestic Missions we recommend the appointment of an Executive Board, consisting of Bros. J. S. Ryan, Caleb Gore, Elders Lee Linder, C. Blount and W. G. Moorehead. And that said Board employ a man to preach in our bounds, and that the churches be recommended to give for the support of the man so employed, and report the same to the Board as soon as possible after this meeting adjourns. Respectfully submitted.

MARTIN PARKER, Chairman.

The Committee on Foreign Missions made the following report which was adopted:

Ye, your Committee on Foreign Missions, would respectfully report that the field far and wide, and thousands of souls starving for the Bread of Life, and the churches are the avenue for means to relieve their destitute condition. But what are we doing as a Missionary body, and doing nothing. We would recommend that this body take such steps as will remedy this neglect on the part of the churches, and that each one of the churches preach one or more sermons on this subject, and send up a collection for the same. Respectfully submitted.

C. G. BLOUNT, Chairman.

The Committee on Ministerial Education made the following report which was adopted.

The committee on Ministerial Education beg leave to report: First—the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ is the most important work ever committed to man, yet God in his wisdom and for his own glory, often calls to this work men who are poor and unlearned, yet He blesses them with minds susceptible of improvement and which must be improved in order to a successful and acceptable discharge of the duties of their holy calling. Now as they are the servants of the churches, it is self-evident that if the churches by aiding their servants to acquire knowledge in a short time that improvement which if unaided would require a life-time, to promote their own interest and in this promote the Glory of God and the furtherance of the Truth.

It is the duty of Christians and churches to pray, and labor for the extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom, and to assist by their means and every effort made for that end, and to contribute to the assistance of ministers struggling under adverse circumstances to show themselves faithful unto God." Respectfully submitted, J. S. RYAN, Chair.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools submitted the following report which was adopted

Your committee to whom was referred the report on Sabbath Schools beg leave to report the following: This is a subject that has been greatly neglected by Baptists to their hurt. We cannot see why it is that Baptists are so blind to their interest, as to neglect this important means of bringing their children to the knowledge of the Truth, as it is in Jesus. We will agree that it is to the interest of any community to educate the young in the arts and sciences of the day in order to promote their future temporal interest. Is it not more essential that the heart should be educated in the cardinal principles of christianity. Though there is no express command for Sabbath Schools in the canon of revelations, yet we think the Holy Scriptures justify it. All are commanded to bring their children up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. "Bring up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it" says Solomon. We earnestly suggest that the pastors present the importance of this work to their respective churches." Respectfully submitted
J. A. KILLINGSWORTH, Chairman.

The Finance Committee made the following report

Received for Minutes.....\$35.70
Respectfully submitted, GEORGE PARKER, Chairman.

The Committee on Mississippi College submitted the following report which was adopted:

Your committee on Mississippi College submits the following: Mississippi College is a Baptist school, and owned by the Baptist of this State. The time has been when this school was in debt, but through the persistent efforts of the Baptist denomination of this State it is free from debt. It has an endowment of some forty thousand dollars in notes on brethren and most of this will be collected the interest of which will go largely towards defraying the expenses of the school. So, for the present we are not called upon to give for the endowment, but to our patronage.

This college is located ten miles west of Jackson, on the V. & M. R. R. and in a healthy locality. The town (Clinton) is a small place and free from many bad influences that might be brought to bear on students in larger towns or cities. The Faculty is sufficient and composed of earnest self sacrificing men; men who do their duty as instructors, and have the good of the student at heart. The library, the reading room, the maps, charts and apparatus are sufficient, so that every one that will, can acquire an education as good as can be obtained at the best colleges. And there is not in the South a College where the moral influence is better. Your Committee would earnestly recommend Baptist to patronize our school. We ought to do this, it is our duty, and in our opinion there is no better College than Mississippi Baptist's own.

Respectfully Submitted, H. L. JOHNSON, Chairman.

After the adoption of the above report Eld. H. L. JOHNSON on behalf of Spring Creek Church and Bro. J. L. Newman on behalf of Pilgrim's Rest Church (Yalobusha county) pledged \$5.00 each from their respective churches for Ministerial Education.

The committee on Temperance made the following report which was adopted:

Your committee on Temperance beg leave to report as follows: That we are commanded to be temperate in all things. Intemperance is one of the fearful sins of the day. We may be intemperate in eating, drinking, talking and the use of tobacco, But we

believe the drinking of wine are the alarming sins of plain preaching of the Gospel. We would recommend brethren to enforce strictness is abundant on this subject.
Respectfully Submitted

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of the truth. The paper and is a medium of communication. We recommend that all of paper (Mississippi Baptist sign Mission Journal, in wants of the Foreign Mission. Respectfully Submitted

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By motion the following This Association shall be and Southern, Loosa S. tricts shall meet by delegation and shall alternately at meeting of this Association. RESOLVED, That the de

the Northern District here of meeting of this Association. By motion the following RESOLVED, That the Cl superintend the publishing ing to the amount paid in church not sending any fund

On motion the Association Church of Christ at Pilgrim North of Air Mount, on Th September 1878. Prayer L. W. HARRELSON, Secy

believe the drinking of whisky and the use of tobacco to excess are the alarming sins of the day. We think the best remedy is plain preaching of the Gospel. It is the power of God unto salvation. We would recommend Ministering brethren to urge their bretheren to enforce strict dicipline in their churches, the Gospel is abundant on this subject. All of which is

Respectfully Submitted, W. G. MOORHEAD, Chairman.

The committee on Publications submitted the following report which was adopted.

Your committee on Publications submit the following. Since the last meeting of this body there has been a Baptist paper started at Clinton, Hinds county Mississippi, Prof. James Martin proprietor and Eld. J B Gambrel editor. The paper is an individual enterprise costing the denomination nothing, the publication of which was commenced about the middle of January of the present year and has now a circulation of over fourteen hundred, which makes it a success. The editor does not need a recommendation from your committee as he is known to be an able defender of the truth. The paper has also an able corps of contributors and is a medium of communication for the Baptist of the State. We recommend that all of our people subscribe for and read the paper (Mississippi Baptist Record.) we also recommend the Foreign Mission Journal, in which we may learn of the success and wants of the Foreign Mission field, published at Richmond Va.

Respectfully submitted, H. L. JOHNSON, Chairman.

We your committee on Nominations would recommend Eld. T. Lanford, to preach the introductory sermon at the next annual meeting and Eld. John Sanders alternate. Adopted.

Respectfully submitted, JAMES MARTIN, Chairman.

By motion the following constitutional amendment was adopted.

This Association shall be divided into two Districts, the Northern and Southern, Loosa Schooner river being the line. Said Districts shall meet by delegation annually, in the respective territory and shall alternately at their annual meeting designate the place of meeting of this Association for the next ensuing year.

RESOLVED, That the delegates from the churches composing the Northern District here present select and designate the place of meeting of this Association for the year 1878.

By motion the following was adopted.

RESOLVED, That the Clerk be allowed five dollars, and that he superintend the publishing and distribution of the Minutes according to the amount paid in by the churches and one copy to each church not sending any funds.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet with the Baptist Church of Christ at Pilgrim's Rest (Yalobusha Co.) four miles North of Air Mount, on Thursday before the fourth Sabbath in September 1878. Prayer by Eld. James Martin

L. W. HARRELSON, Secretary. E. A. CRICKER, Moderator,

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The Northern District of the Calhoun Association will meet with the Baptist Church at Concord Friday before the first Sabbath in August 1878, Eld. W. G. Moorhead to preach the introductory sermon, Eld. John Sanders alternate.

ESSAYS TO BE WRITTEN—Who are the primitive Baptist, the missionary or anti missionary. Eld. P. Landford,
Systematic benevolence. Eld. E. A. Crocker.

What was the object of John's Baptism. Eld. H. L. Johnson.

Can Baptist practice open communion with other denominations and be consistent with the scriptures. Eld. Lee Linder.

What is the soul of man. Eld. L. Prescott.

QUERIES.—Was John's baptism the Christian baptism.

Is it the duty of every male member to pray in public.

Is it the duty of every member of the church to partake of the Lords Supper.

H. L. JOHNSON, Clerk.

JAMES MARTIN, Moderator.

ABSTRACT REPORT FROM THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

The Southern District holds its next annual meeting with Oak Grove Church, four miles north east from Pittsboro. Beginning Friday before the third Sabbath in August, 1878. Elder J. A. Killingsworth to preach the introductory sermon, Elder J. W. Burgess, alternate.

ORDER OF BUSINESS—1st, Call to order by the Moderator. 2nd, Call for and reading the Annual Letters. 3rd, Election of Officers. 4th, Invitation to visiting brethren. 5th, Call for Correspondence. 6th, Returned Correspondence. 7th, The appointment of committees. 8th, Unfinished business. 9th, Location of time and place of holding next meeting. 10th, Call for reports of committees: provided the committee on preaching may report at any time. 11th, Reading of Essays and discussion of Queries, Alternately.

ESSAYS TO BE WRITTEN—What becomes of the Soul after death. J. S. Ryan. How are we to bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the Law of Christ, when each man shall bear his own burden, Elder E. A. Crocker. Is the Law of God and the Will of God the same. A. Atkinson. What are the duties of the Churches to their Ministers who preach the Gospel to them, Elder J. A. Killingsworth.

QUERIES.—Is the total depravity of the unregenerate heart a doctrine of the Bible. How was Jesus of the Lineage and offspring of David. What is the use and design of the church? What is the cause of the spiritual declination that has taken possession of our churches? Are any qualifications necessary to communion at the Lords table, if so what are they?

Delegates to the Northern District of the Calhoun Association. Elds. C. G. Blount, E. A. Crocker, Bros. C. E. Murphree J. S. Ryan, L. W. Harrelson, J. C. Martin and Levi Murphree.

L. W. HARRELSON, Clerk.

E. A. CROCKER, Moderator.

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Blount, C. G.
Burgess, J. W.
Crocker, E. A.
Griffin, Joseph.
Johnson, H. L.
Killingsworth, J. A.
Linder, Lee.
Landford, P.
Moorhead, W. G.
Mize, F.
Martin, James.
Prescott, L.
Parker, M.
Sanders, John.
Trusty, J. W.
Wilkins, John.

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Edwards, J. M.
Hawkins, H. J.
Johnson, Alex.
Bratton, Thos.
Murphree, C. E.
Preaddy, L. W.
Wilkins, S.
Weaver, N. J.
Wilson, J. L.
Wilson, J. R.
Winter, J.
Wilson, M.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

OF THE

CALHOUN ASSOCIATION,

Blount, C G	Pittsboro Mississippi
Burgess, J W	Poplar Springs
Crocker, E A	Rocky Mount
Griffin, Joseph	Hopewell
Johnson, H L	Spring Creek
Killingsworth, J A	Macedonia
Linder, Lee	Concord
Landford, P	
Moorhead, W G	Turkey Creek
Mize, F	London Hill
Martin, James	Driver's Flat
Prescott, L	Mt. Moriah
Parker, M	London Hill
Sanders, John	Pleasant Ridge
Trusty, J W	Dividing Ridge
Wilkins, John	Pleasant Ridge

LICENTIATES.

Berry, H M	Pleasant Ridge
Edwards, J M	Turkey Creek
Hawkins, H J	Friendship
Johnson, Alex	Pleasant Ridge
Bratton, Thos.	Mt. Moriah
Murphree, C E	Oak Grove
Preaddy, L W	Mt. Comfort
Wilkins, S	"
Weaver, N J	"
Wilson, J L	Rocky Mount
Wilson, J R	Mt. Moriah
Winter, J	Pleasant Ridge
Wilson, M	Hopewell

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	POST OFFICES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	Day of Meeting.	Baptized.....	Rec. by Letter.	Restored.....	Dis. by Letter.	Excluded.....	Deceased.....	Total.....	For Minutes....
Concord	Calhoun.	Banner	Lee Linder	W. J. Turner	1st 5	10			7	1		74	\$2.60
Dividing Ridge	Yalobusha	New Hope	J. W. Trusty.	C. C. Hill	4th	1			2	1		52	2.25
Drivers Flat	Calhoun	Paris	James Martin	T. M. Patton	1st 4	6			2	4		68	1.25
Friendship	Calhoun	Cherry Hill	James Martin	W. H. Hawkins	2d 5	1			2	2		4	1.50
Hopewell	Pontotoc	Sarepta	Joseph Griffin	J. J. Moore	3d 5	2			1	1		47	1.00
London Hill	La Fayette												
Mt. Comfort	Calhoun	Pittsboro	John Sanders	J. W. Stillman	2d 1	3			3	2	1	46	2.50
Mt. Tabor	Calhoun	Pittsboro	L. Prescott	C. Broughton	2d 1	8						26	75
Mt. Moriah	Calhoun	Sarepta	John Sanders	L. Chrestman	3d					1		39	1.25
Macedonia	Calhoun	Pittsboro	Killingsworth	J. A. Kea	3d					5	1	117	1.50
New Liberty	Calhoun	Pittsboro	E. A. Crocker	J. A. Easley	4th 1					5	1	45	1.50
Oak Grove	Calhoun	Pittsboro	John Sanders	J. A. Craze	3d					5		29	
Poplar Springs	Calhoun	Cherry Hill	E. A. Crocker	G. W. Murf	3d 1					8	3	66	2.15
Pittsboro	Calhoun	Pittsboro	John Sanders	L. Harrelson	4th	1			4	1	1	39	2.00
Pine Flat	La Fayette	Coffeeville	M. Parker.	A. Henderson	4th 6	4			3	3		36	50
Pilgrim's Rest	Yalobusha		G. W. Goodwin	A. J. Morgan	1st 4	7			4	3	2	92	2.50
Pilgrim's Rest	Calhoun		Joseph Griffin	J. D. Collins									
Pleasant Ridge	Calhoun	Sarepta	John Sanders	H. M. Berry	3							62	2.00
Pleasant Grove	Chickasaw	Cherry Hill	James Martin	W. A. Lowry	4th					1	27	150	
Rocky Mount	Calhoun	Pittsboro	E. A. Crocker	W. J. Crocker	1st					2	1	65	1.75
Shiloh	Calhoun	Cole's Creek.	C. G. Bloat	J. C. Martin	1st 4					4	4	77	2.00
Spring Creek	Calhoun	Banner	H. L. Johnson	H. W. Seals	4th	18				12	2	71	3.50
Turkey Creek	Calhoun	Pine Valley	H. L. Joannson	J. M. Thornton	3d	3	1			5	7	75	2.00

L. W. Harrelson Clerk. I send you the minute for all the Churches at that time, but three or four churches in the 1st were not in the organization but, were added at the Springcreek meeting

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L. W. Harrelson.

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OF THE

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HELD WITH

PILGRIM'S REST CHURCH,

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24th, 25th and 26th, of October A. D. 1878.

OFFICERS:

ELD. C. G. BLOUNT.....MODERATOR.
BRO. L. W. HARRELSON.....CLERK.

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